

P.J. Almquist House
16 Second St. NW
Waukon
Allamakee County
Iowa

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STATE Iowa	COUNTY Allamakee	TOWN OR VICINITY Waukon
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) P.J. Almquist House (Abstract of Title)		HABS NO. IA-151
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Martin House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 16 2nd Street, N.W., Waukon, Iowa		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1858 (Abstract and Allamakee Herald, August 26, 1858)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Architecturally, this structure is one of a handful of known extant structures that combine scandinavian building traditions with Greek Revival detailing. Constructed by P.J. Almquist a Swedish immigrant, it also served as his tailor shop. Built shortly after Waukon was platted this structure may be one of the oldest residential-commercial buildings in the town.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Scandinavian vernacular with Greek Revival detailing.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) House is of wood frame construction and its walls are sheathed with white painted wooden clapboards.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Sketched floor plans are attached		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The Greek Revival trim is especially well-executed for such a simple structure. It consists of nicely detailed, tapered pilaster corner boards, plain frieze, and plain boxed cornice with returns. This detailing is repeated not only on all four corners of the main block but on the 1 1/2-story rear wing as well.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Some of the original pine flooring, simple door and window trim, vertical plank doors, and hardware have survived.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Shed roofed addition at rear (Believed to have been constructed shortly after the house) Front porch (In 1902 ran full width of house but by 1920 reduced to present scale)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Fair condition. Vacant and scheduled for demolition for new bank construction		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE House is similar in many respects to the Cassel House in Madrid, Boone County (listed on National Register) and the Linn-Berglund House in Stratford, Hamilton County		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) See attached bibliography		
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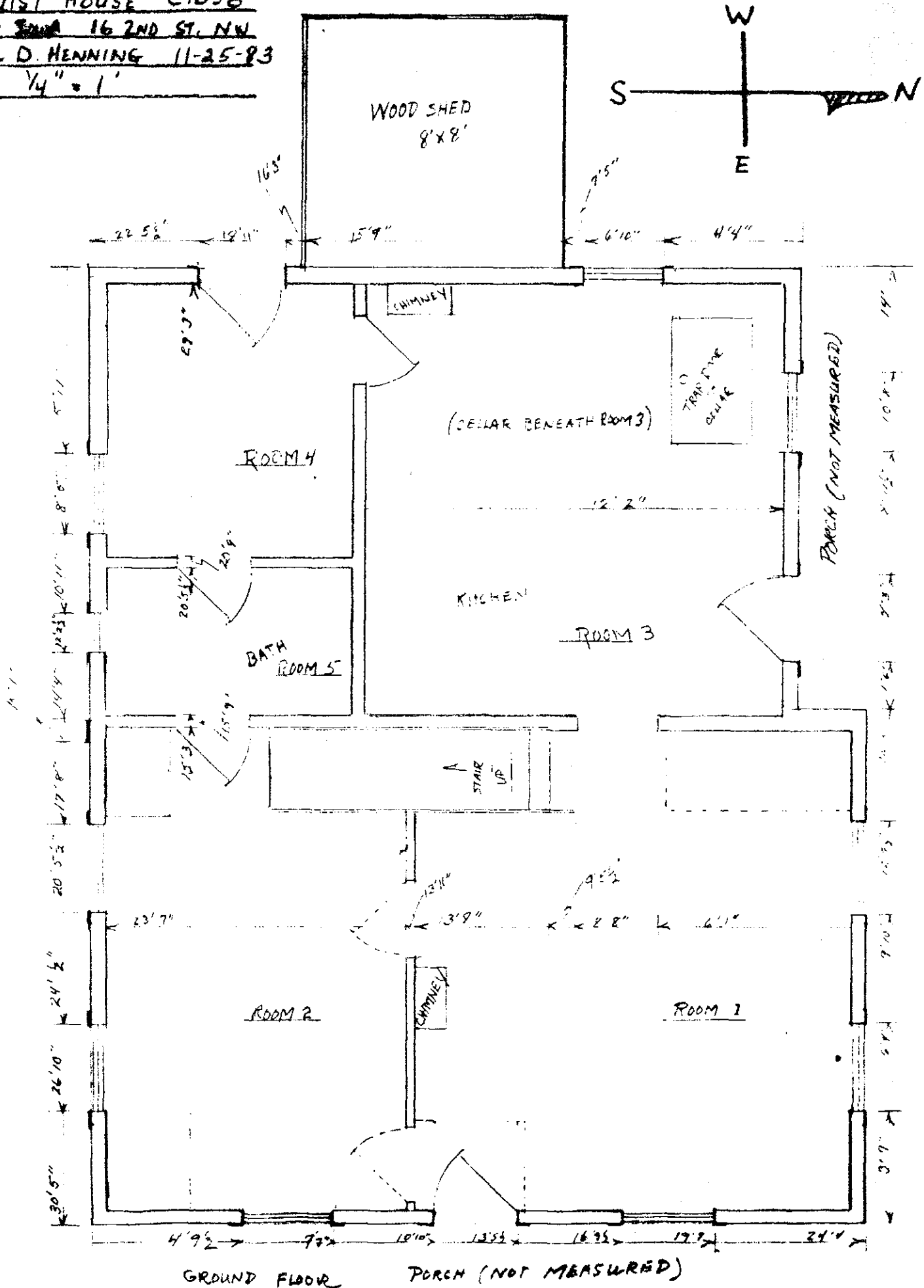
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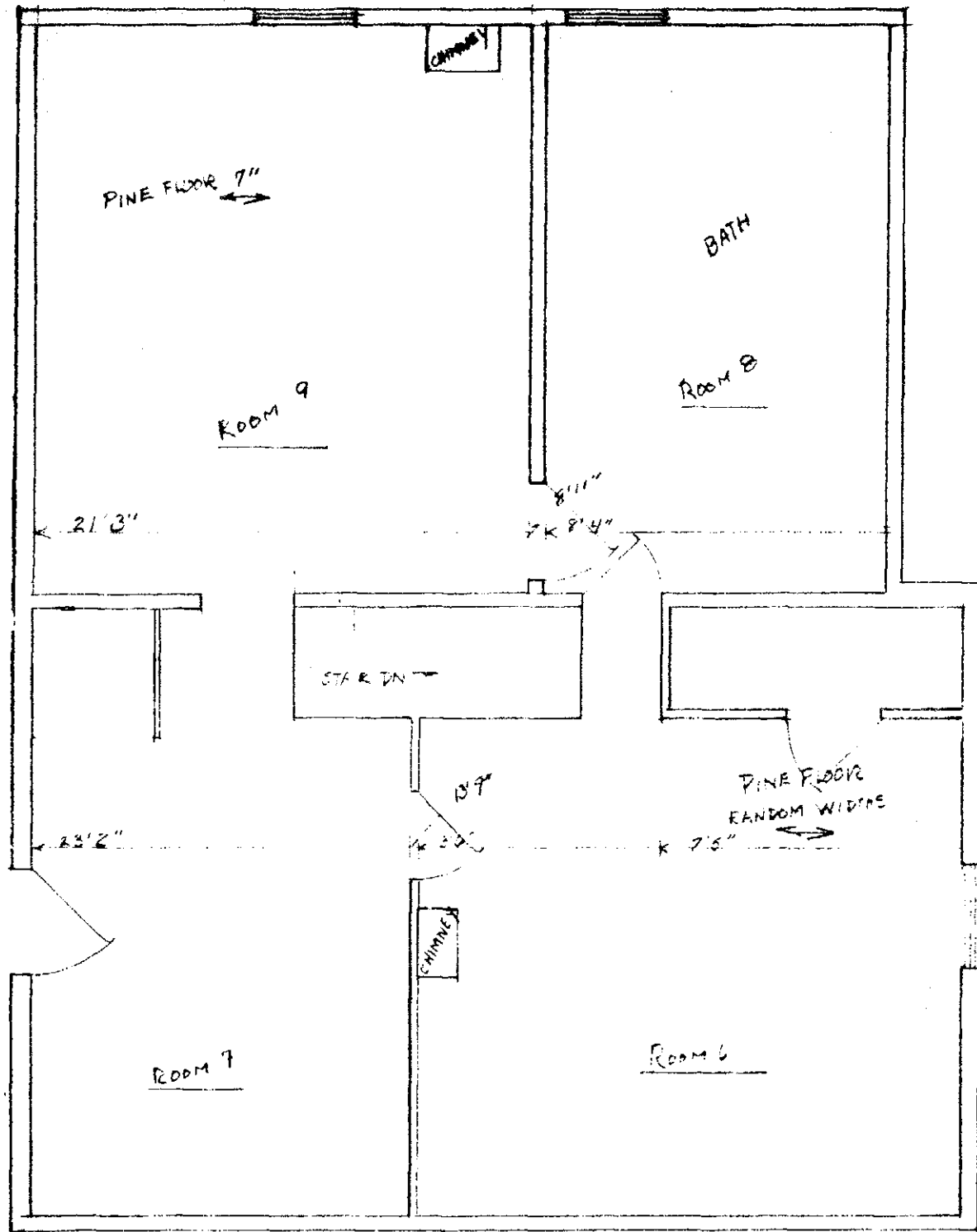
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2nd FLOOR

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